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For: METHOD FOR SUTURELESSLY ATTACHING A BIOMATERIAL TO AN

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

In response to the Notice to file missing parts dated May 13, 2004, applicant respectfully responds as follows.

Applicant received a return receipt postcard from the Patent Office that initially assigned application number 10/770,978 to the above-referenced application, and accorded a February 2, 2004 filing date. Applicant then received the Notice to File Missing Parts (for failure to pay fees) and filing receipt, which shows a filing date of February 5, 2004, and an application number of 10/773,097.

Applicant encloses a copy of the Express Mail label (Exhibit A), showing a date of deposit as February 2, 2004. We also enclosed a copy of our return receipt postcard with the PTO stamp (Exhibit B). Additionally, we enclose a credit card transaction report from the Patent Office showing that the filing fee (\$385.00), the additional claims fee (\$216.00) and assignment recordation fee (\$40.00) were charged using a Credit Card Transaction form (Exhibit C). The fees were credited to Application No. 10/770,978.

Since it appears that two serial numbers have been assigned to this one application, Applicant respectfully requests that this application maintain the original assigned Application No. of 10/770,978, along with the filing date of February 2, 2004. It is asked that the undersigned be contacted should further assistance be required.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

 Additional claim fees of \$216 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$666 for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$216

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\$216 for 24 total claims over 20.

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